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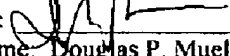
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group II (claims 16 to 20) in response to the Restriction Requirement of December 19, 2008.

Applicants traverse the indication that a constructive election by original presentation might apply against claims 16-20. Claims 16-20 are directed to method claims. Method claims were included in the original claim set and examined on the merits in the first Office Action.

Page 2 of the Restriction Requirement contends that claims 16-20 "are drawn to a method including a first [sic - and?] a second housing causing a lancet and sensor to be supported together on a lancet holding portion", which was not part of the original examination. However, original claim 5, which depends from claim 4, which in turn depends from claim 3, essentially includes a feature of supplying a lancet and sensor from a first housing to a second housing, although the terminology has been revised for clarity. That is, the "housing" defined in

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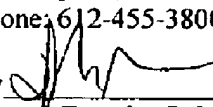
original claim 3 corresponds to the "second housing" in claim 16. The "sheath" defined in original claim 4 corresponds to the "first housing" in claim 16. The "analyzer" in original claim 5 corresponds to the "sensor" in claim 16, and claim 5 requires that the "analyzer" be attached to the lancing device, thereby providing the sensor holding required in claim 16. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that the examination of claims 16-20 in this application is proper.

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